GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1005
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NODAL AGENCY TO SUPERVISE THE CLOSURE OF POLLUTING INDUSTRIES IN DELHI
SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the nodal agency appointed to supervise the closure of polluting industries in the residential areas of Delhi has requested that it may be relieved of its obligation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action likely to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)to(c): Yes, Sir. The Hon`ble Supreme Courtvide orders dated 12.9.2000 had appointed the Ministry of Urban Development asa Nodal Agency to supervise and secure the implementation of its orders regarding shifting/closure of industries operating in the non-conforming/residential areas of Delhi. Submissions were made before the Hon`ble Supreme Court that theimplementation machinery vests with the Govt. of N.C.T. of Delhi and local agencies and this Ministry was of the view that no effective role can be played by the Nodal Agency and its continuance would cause diffusion of responsibility and would hardly serve the purpose which the Hon`ble Court had in view when it passed its orders of September 12, 2000. However, the Hon`ble Supreme Court has not discharged this Ministry of the functions of Nodal Agency. The matter is subjudice in CWP No. 4677/1985-M.C. Mehta vs. U.O.I & others.